

Monday: 07 06 21
Philippians 4:13

Reflection: The words I can do gives us encouragement. They tell us that we are capable of doing things that would normally leave us feeling flat and incapacitated. Yet the words are not just referring to a physical ability. They also refer to our inner ability to take on spiritual and emotional task.

Application: We encounter a range of tasks each day that will challenge us. Some physically and some in other ways. We may find our core beliefs challenged. This verse assures us that Jesus can give us the strength to overcome such challenges.

Challenge: Take time to remind yourself that God is always in control. That you have all the strength of character you need to persevere.

Tuesday: 08 06 21
Acts 16:25

Reflection: So there they were, in prison and unsure of the future. Paul and Silas chained to a wall and stuck in a dank dark cell. Surrounded by many other cells. There may have been cursing and screams from other inmates, but these two sat and sang in their affliction. And the others listened.

Application: It's easy to become overwhelmed by disaster. The world will tell us that it's only normal to cry out in pain. Even to the extent like Job's wife telling him to curse God and be done with it. Yet we have Paul and Silas as our examples. Not to suffer like the world but to witness Gods' Grace.

Challenge: Next time things are rough, try singing.

Wednesday: 09 06 21
1 Corinthians 9:25

Reflection: There are two races mentioned here. The first is a worldly physical race with transient prizes awarded to the winners. While the other is a spiritual race where the prize is imperishable and eternal. In both there is a mention of training to achieve to desired goal. In short it means putting in the work and not just being a spectator.

Application: As a Christian I have been asked at various times why I would attend a Church. My answer has always been the same. I'm seeking a place where I can be useful and to work for the Lord. For me this is my training for the race of faith I run.

Challenge: Do you have a regular Bible study? How often have you read the Bible this week?

Thursday: 10 06 21
Proverbs 31:9

Reflection: Speak up, don't stand silently and watch events unfold. Judges fairly, and not based on prejudice nor on social pressures to do as they expect. Defend the rights of the poor and the needy, not the latest social cause or celebrity focus issue.

Application: We live in uncertain and interesting times. When people are everywhere asking for our money and our support. In these times we need discernment. To seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in such matters. Satan can mislead us and dishearten us with false causes and fake charities.

Challenge: With so many charities and social causes seeking your support, how do you discern them all?

Friday: 11 06 21
Job 1:20-21

Reflection: Job, tested for his amazing faith. Told by his wife he should just curse God and be done with it. Given advice from friends who should have known better. Yet he knows the truth and exclaims the first and last of it all. Naked we have entered and naked we will leave this cold cruel world. And in all the Lords name will be praised.

Application: I have personally averted bankruptcy four times in my life. Along with several times when nothing would work. Yet through it all I have found my footing and was reassured of the Lords presence with me through it all..

Challenge: Take time to review your life and search for the times the Lord helped you through.

Saturday: 12 06 21
Proverbs 14:12

Reflection: The verse is simple and to the point. There will always be the right way and the wrong way. People will get lured to take the easy way and the most popular way. But those will lead to death and separation from God.

Application: The world loves a celebrity. They promote the latest trends, diets, issues and a range of subjects that make them look socially aware and sensitive. Yet are they really the right way to go? To follow these self made demigods and demigoddesses?

Challenge: We have one true path that leads to eternal life. We follow Jesus the Christ.

The Wake Up Call

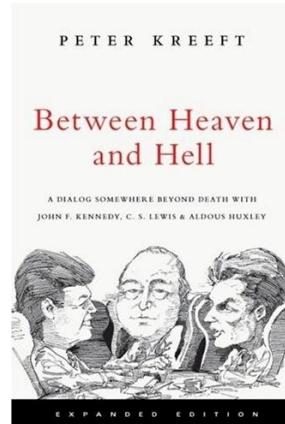
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Awake, arise the day begins.
Wipe away the sleep on your eyes.
The veil of night now slowly thins.
A world revealed with the sunrise.
Today is unlike any before it.
It's full of promise and perhaps some whit.

Awake, and breathe the new morn air.
Take courage from your tranquil sleep.
Recite by heart the Lords sweet prayer.
For in his care your soul he'll keep.
Step lively out of bed and stand up tall.
Stirring up your heart and heed the Lords call.

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Title: Between Heaven and Hell
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Peter Kreeft brings together three of the most significant and thought provoking people in recent Theological times. The 20th Century owes much of its ethos to these three. Kennedy, Huxley & Lewis.

The hypothetical meeting takes place some time after their deaths. In a vast unknown expanse. As they wait to see what would come next. Their conversation brings together the three vastly different views on Christianity, the after life, God and judgement.

As portrayed and expressed through their personalities. What follows is a thought provoking conversation. One that will challenge the reader to examine their own faith and belief systems. This is what I would call a thinking Christians book. Well worth the time to read and muse over.

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Six days to Sunday



Stepping Stones of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*



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